Highest temperature yesterday, 26; lowest, 17. Detailed weather reports on last page.

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## **WILSON TO PROTECT** MEN AND INVESTORS IN RAILROAD CONTROL

Brotherhoods Insist Upon OHIO GETS COAL Hearing Before Final Decision Is Made.

ASK RIGHT TO STRIKE

R. R. War Board Learns Lines' Personnel Will Stay Unchanged.

VISITS THE WHITE HOUSE

President Will Probably Give Matter Further Study Before Taking Action.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 .- After a day of conferences, at which President Wilson got first hand the views of some of the railroad executives and also met the brotherhoods, the situation as regards the railroad problem now engrossing public attention remains exactly as described in THE SUN last Tuesday.

The President believes there must be evernment control of the roads during the rest of the war to secure the maximum efficiency, but has not as yet worked out in his mind the details of the plan by which this shall be brought about, particularly with respect to its

about, particularly with respect to its financial phases.

The President feels that while the roads war board and its subsidiary committees have done all that was possible under the limitations imposed upon them these agencies should be reenforced to the recognition of the recog by governmental authority # the

#### Personnel to Be Unchanged.

The road organizations, both as to efficers and men, are not to be disturbed in any plan that is adopted.
Railroad security holders are to be amply protected and the financing of

ministrator, should be called upon to have sent their local legislative agents to the White House to-day to request the President to hold up any recommendations he may make until the four chiefs of the orders have had a chance to consult among themselves and define the attitude of finely expanisations to the order have sent to the orders have had a chance to consult among themselves and define the attitude of finely expanisations to work.

President A. B. Carretson of the overal and the first man and Lee of the trainman, who are now speeding toward this city. The President has given no indication to any one as yet when he intends to submit his plan to Congress, and in view of this request of the labor leaders it may be deferred for a few days if not longer.

The President is believed to be depending on Secretary Meadeo and other financial advisors for suggestions that will all him in shaping the financial details of his plan. The fact that John Skeiton Williams, Comptroller of the cultured of submitting at statement to the realized himself in the railroad situation recently to the extent of submitting and statement to the color submitting and interested himself in the railroad situation recently to the extent of of submitting a statement to the color and the railroad situation recently to the extent of submitting agents.

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would change the present management war board, Fairfax Harrison, Howard Elliott, Hale Holden, Julius Kruttschnitt and Samuel Rea, went to the White House in a body at 3:30 this afternoon and spent one hour with the President.
A statement subsequently issued by Mr.
Harrison mid that the railroad situation "was discussed fully and frankly.

## Offered Their Services.

It is known, however, that they car nformation which he might desire to

have
Concern over the interests of the
1500,000 holders of railroad securities
amounting in the aggregate to \$17,000,000,000 was uppermost in the minds of
the railroad presidents who went to the
White House. There was also concern
ever future financing under any Government control plan in view of the fact
that \$250,000,000 of obligations will mature in 1918. ture in 1918.

With these questions uppermost in eir minds the outcome of to-day's con-With these questions uppermost in their minds the outcome of to-day's conference was felt to be encouraging. The impression gained was that railroad security holders need not feel any alarm over the situation and that Government control will not mean any reduction of dividend. The same resurrance is also dividends. The same reassurance is also understood to have been conveyed to-day regarding the present railroad organizations. The organizations of each road will remain the same and it will run its own road.

The English plan of Government con-

The English plan of Government con-trol is understood to have been taken up to some extent in to-day's discussion, and there is reason to believe that the President intends to follow this plan President intends to follow this plan in some of its features, except that it is unlikely that any American plan will is unlikely that any American plan will provide for the carriage of Government freight free. The railroad executives are very much opposed to this, one of their reasons being that Government freight is now a large proportion of their business and they will have to have money to run their reads. This flew is believed to have met with approval today at the White House.

The question of what treatment shall be accorded under a Government plan to railroads now paying dividends is apparently undecided. Under the English plan the condition of these roads would reman the same as before Government eperation. This question appears to be one of several which are coirplicating the problem on which the President is at work.

Confers With 80 Other Honds. After their conference with the President the members of the beard returned to their headquarters and went into conference with thirty railroad presidents.

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# OVER U.S. HEAD

Gov. Cox Orders Special Trains MAY TAKE 'STRONG ARMS' . to Move Thousands of Tons Held Up.

SENT TO THE COUNTIES

About 15,000 Cars at State's Borders to Be Immediately Diverted.

went over the heads of Federal Fuel Administration officials to-day and has taken the coal shortage problem in his own hands. The first move to-day was to order solid train loads of coal assemrailroad executives and also met the bled and sent immediately to points in local representatives of the four railroad the State most seriously in need of fuel.

The order is directly contrary to instructions of F. C. Baird, Federal Puel Administrator in charge of the Lakes Coal Pool, Cleveland, who refused by long distance telephone to-day to sanc-tion such action. Gov. Cox branded the agitation for

Gov. Cox branded the agitation for coal for the Northwest, while Ohio "literally was being starved to death." as an unspeakable outrage, asserting to-night that he has discovered it was a move to enable coal operators to get prices higher than those fixed by Fresident Wilson under the fuel control law.

The Ohio Executive's order followed his appeal directly to President Wilson hate yesterday, in which he asked the President to sanction an order to permit Ohio consumers to take ever thousands of cars of coal consigned to lake points, which have been standing on sidings for days while families living within in sight of it have been on the verge of freezing.

Higher Prices Demanded.

Is the local head. It was learned that the strong arm squad also is to be taken over by the Army Intelligence Eaken over by the Army Intelligence Pureau. These two transfers portend even bigger and more important changes.

Woods to Have Commission.

From an authoritative Federal source came the assertion yesterday that Commissioner Woods upon concluding his term December 31 probably will enter the army at once to head all the conditional difference or ordinated bureaus that have to do with guarding "vital points" throughout the country from enemy alien depredations. In order to do this Mr. Woods will be given a commission, perhaps that of Major. After thoroughly organizing his forces here he will go to Washington and from that vantage point direct his new

Distribution of the coal was begun through the county Fuel Administration committees under the direction of C.

The changed attitude of the Fuel Administration representatives will work out practically a complete distribution of all lakes coal, it was believed this after-noon, which means that no less than 5,000 cfrs in Ohio and more than 10,000 cars held in Kentucky near Cincinnati will be moving to consumers. Distri-bution can be effected in two or three days, materially relieving cases of suf-

ALLIED NAVAL ACTION URGED. Agitation Revived in Britain and

U. S. for Vigorous Policy. Special Despatch to Tun Sun. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-A revival of the agitation for a more vigorous naval policy on the part of the Allies has al-ready followed the announcement that

an inter allied naval conference was shortly to be held. The British view is said to be now crystallising in favor of more aggressive action against the U-boat bases, and support for this plan is known to be ing from representatives of the

negroes go to prison sunday Porty-one of the Toxas Rioters Will Serve Life Terms.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 12.—Forty-five negroes of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, convicted of participating in the riots at Houston August 23 last, will leave Saturday under military guard for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to begin their sentences.

Forty-one face life terms and four-shorter periods, the longest being two and a half years.

## WILL REPORT ON RUSSIA.

and a half years.

Col. Thompson, on Way Home, Says Nation Won't Rossmo War.

make an important report. He called to-day on the American Ambassador, Wal-ter H. Page. Col. Thompson told the Ambassador that Russia was definitely out of the war as a fighting force, bu gave it as his opinion that Russia was not so thoroughly disintegrated as was generally believed outside of that country.

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER.

## **WOODS AND HIS** BOMB SQUAD TO JOIN U.S. ARMY

Commissioner to Head National Force to Guard Waterfronts and Plants.

. Will Be Part of Intelligence Bureau, With Headquarters in Washington.

Arthur Woods and important parts of his remarkable police organization are to form the nucleus of a new branch of the United States Army which will take over the task of guarding the waterfronts, munition works and other vital Columnus, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Gov. Cox spots in cities throughout the country, unless well laid plans miscarry. Arthur Woods is slated to be the national head of the branch, which will be a part of the Army Intelligence Bureau.

A step toward organising this powerful Federal agency was taken yesterday when the bomb squad of the New York Police Department, under command of Inspector Thomas Tunney, was detached Bureau, of which Major Nicholas Biddle is the local head. It was learned that the strong arm squad also is to be taken over by the Army Intelligence Eureau. These two transfers portend

The Northwest had a season contract for coal and it was pointed out that the full control bill permitted previous contracts at higher prices to stand.

Practically Confiscation.

After several days of appeals to Washington coal was moving in Ohio to-day without the aid of the Federal Fuel administration and against the protest of Mr. Baird. It was said Gov. Cox took action which amounted practically to confiscation.

Department will not be affected.

The officers of the new unit will continue to occupy quarters at Police Head-duranters, but all will be subject to orders from the Army Intelligence Bureau and will work in the operation will work in conjunction with the operation work in the service will relieve the bureau of the necessity of hiring private detectives for investigation work, inasmuch as all these men are trained investigation work and one under that tomage.

Rome, Dec. 12.— Italian shipping lowes by mine or submarine for the set ended December 8 were: One steamship of less than 1,500 tons, one steamship of less than 1,500 tons and three small sailing vessels.

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## Sequel to Visit to Capital.

through the county Fuel Administration committees under the direction of C. Secretary Baker in a letter sent several days ago, and this closely followed the State Fuel Administration, and under plans dictated by Gov. Cox.

Ohio railroads joined in with Gov. Cox and consented to move the coal as directed by him, through J. B. Dugan, chief inspector of the State Public Utilistics Commission.

Mr. Woods received the request from committees and this closely followed the days ago, and this closely followed the visit Mr. Woods paid to Washington in company with United States Marshal Carthy and Chlef Flynn of the accret and committees are received the request from committees under the direction of C. Secretary Baker in a letter sent several Train of 30 to Carry Muscles With Mr. Woods paid to Washington in company with United States Marshal Carthy and Chlef Flynn of the accret service. Wr. Baker wrote he had such a high opinion of the work of the bomb squad that he thought it would be a thirty Detroit made munitions. manufactured for use at the battle front visit Mr. Woods received the request from Train of 30 to Carry Muscles From Detroit. Mr. Woods received the request from over in its entirety into Federal service. The details were worked out by Mr. Voods and his announcement yesterday

followed:
"It is well known here," a prominent
Federal official said last night, "that
Commissioner Woods is a man of the
highest ideals and his ability is well
recognized in Washington. All signs
point to his being commissioned in the
army at an early date. The more important of his subordinates will go with him. Fuller Potter, until recently a special Deputy Police Commissioner, left the department to accept a commission the department to accept a commission in the army and at once was transferred to the Army Intelligence Bureau. Deputy Commissioner Henry Jay Case also went to the intelligence bureau with a commission. Other deputies, I hear, are to follow. By following this trend of ship bound for France. to the intelligence bureau with a commission. Other deputies, I hear, are to
follow. By following this trend of
events it is only reasonable to suppose
that the splendid police machine Mr.
Woods perfected here will soon be working just as smoothly under some control ing just as smoothly under army control.

"A matter that cannot be overlooked at this time and in this connection is the change in the city administration. Just who the new Police Commissioner will

Becretary Baker in town last night, commenting on the fact that the bomb squad of the New York Police Department had been added to the army, said:
"Similar proceedings are being done
here and there, but there is as yet no

settled policy."

He refused to may anything regarding the report that Police Commissioner Woods may receive a commission in the

### MEXICO TO ENTER PROTEST. Calls Enemy Trading List Issued

by U. S. Unfair. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-Unofficial in-

WASHINOTON, Dec. 12.—Unofficial indication has been received at the State Department that a protest by Mexico against the enemy trading list issued last week by the War Trade Board will be presented soon.

Luis Cabrera, special economic commissioner from Mexico, is said to be preparing the document, and using almost the identical language employed by Counsellor Polk in the American protest against the British blacklist.

Officials think Mexico will not seek to press its protest when it is pointed out that the British list was based on nationality, and that of the United States on Domicie.

### Result of 41 Weeks of Ruthless U-Boat Warfare Losses to British Shipping Alone.

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## **BRITISH LOSE 21** SHIPS IN WEEK

Admiralty Reports 14 Vessels Over 1,600 Tons and 7 Under as Sunk.

SLIGHT INCREASE NOTED

Two Italian Steamers Torpedoed and Another, Damaged, Is Run Ashore.

LONDON, Dec. 12 .- A slight Increas in the losses of British merchantmen by that nowhere in the proclamation did he use the phrase "alien enemies" as was done in previous preclamations referring noted in the Admiralty statement tonight. Fourteen vessels of more than under that tonnage.

The losses to British shipping by or submarine the previous week com-prised sixteen merchantmen of 1,500 United states up to the present as ex-

### U. S. PLANS MOTOR TRUCK EXPERIMENT

tured for use at the battle front, will start overland Friday morning for an Atlantic coast seaport on a history making trip. The trip is expected to require not more than five days. For the first time the United States

Government in its greatest crisis is de-pending on automobile transportation rather than railroads for delivery of war supplies. Twenty-eight war supplies I wenty-eight of the trucks will have the regulation United States Army transport bodies; the other two will be equipped with tank bodies to carry gasolene, lubricating oil and anti-

A unique feature is the withdrawal of the usual secretive measures. The Council of National Defence has even requested patriotic demonstrations in every town through which the train will pass. The War Preparedness Board of Michi-gan is in charge of the demonstrations in towns between Detroit and Toledo.

be has not been announced. There are too many points of vital importance to American arms to be safeguarded here for the matter to be left to speculation. Therefore Washington is taking no chances and is perfecting its own police organisation in this the most important city in the United States."

The townspeople have been requested to decorate homes and business places in patriotic colors and to turn out their populations in welcome.

The train will start its trip over the coment stone road built by order of the War Department and on which the War Preparedness Board of Michigan spent War Department and on which the War Preparedness Board of Michigan spent \$100,000. On the success of the trip depends to a great extent the Government's action in carrying out a plan to build overland highways between the seaports and the principal Western cities. Detroit would figure prominently in this chain.

# P. O. MAY USE TRUCKS.

Bids Asked on Motor Mail Service Philadelphia to New York. Special Despatch to THE BUN.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 12.—An important step in the solution of the probem of transporting perishable and fragle foodstuffs is being taken by the Post office Department in the examination of a motor mail service, bids now being asked for daily service between here and New York via Indiam Mills, Mount Holly, Trenton, Newark and Jersey City. This would tap a great egg, poultry, fruit and berry section, such produce being deliv-ered in New York in time to grace the

THROUGH SLEEPING CARS SOUTH via Atlantic Coast Line, leaving New York 9:15 A. M. & 3:34 P. M., effective Dec. 18th. Will start from Washington. Pagior car service New York to Washington. Reservations already made in advance from New York will be protected in cars from Washington. Apply 1195 Broadway.—Adv.

# AUSTRIANS ON THEIR-HONOR

Proclamation Defining Sta-Declaration of War.

ARE LOYAL AS A WHOLE

Executive Points Out Their Sympathy Has Not Been With Mother Country.

Special Despatch to Tax Sus WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. President Wiling that a state of war exists with Austria-Hungary, called upon all citizens to give loyal support to the prosecution of the war and defined the status of all citizens of Austria-Hungary within the United States.

The proclamation reflects the attitude

of the President toward Austria-Hun- istrator Hoover will issue a supplegary as expressed in his recent address mental food card within a few days to to Congress, when he stated that war is necessary because Austria-Hungary happens to be within the path of America's prosecution of war on Germany, but for the present at least Austrians and the United States provides for three

d allegiance to the United States.

#### Reason for Distinction.

of violence practised under the German war system. Secondly, such a large proportion of laborers in munition and war system. Secondly, such a large to twenty-six pounds, that of France to proportion of laborers in munition and thirteen pounds and of Italy to nine steel plants and coal mines consists of Austrian subjects that it was found practically impossible to administer against the programme placed before American tically impossible to admin them the rigid regulations the Germans, who are not half as numerous and more individualistic.

As an indication of the President's difference in feeling toward subjects of the dual monarchy it was pointed out

## Sweeping Powers If Necessary.

The excellent record of the Austro pressed in industrial work, in recruiting

lieve that the watchfulness of Federal agents will be increased and that some arrests and internments of Austro-Hun-For the present no Federal census of

garians will be recorded subjects of the dual monarchy in this country will be taken. Within a short time the Department of Justice will be-DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 12.—A train of United States. Plans for this work thirty Detroit made motor trucks, loaded were held up awaiting expression of the esident's attitude toward subjects of the nation's latest enemy and with the issuing of the proclamation of to-day

#### Mr. Gregory's Explanation. In explanation of the proclamation Attorney-General Gregory issued this statement:

"The proclamation issued by the President to-day proclaims a state of war existing between this country and Austria-Hungary, calls upon all citizens to per-form their duty, warns subjects of the enemy to conform to our laws, and en-joins upon American citizens the duty of treating subjects of the enemy who re-main loyal to the United States with all

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### "Sun" Smokes Cheer Soldiers Over There

IT warms one's heart to think that the fellows back home have not forgotten us, writes Private William D. Barcus from one of the base hospitals in France. Tobacco received from THE SUN Fund, he says, "is certainly appreciated." Postal cards from other recipients, all written in the same grateful strain, are published on page 5.

The Rubinstein Club held a rehearsal yesterday in prepara-tion for the Christmas concert at the Waldorf next Monday night Tickets are selling rapidly, an binsteins, Clara Clemens, May Peterson and Rudolph Ganz are to be on the programme.

On the same night the fund is to receive a share of the pro-"What's Your Husband Doing?" George V. Hobart's scream farce, at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre. All in all, that will be a memorable night for the sol-

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# PRESIDENT PUTS BRITISH REPULSE GERMAN DRIVE NEAR BULLECOURT; LOSE ON 500 YARD STRETCH

# 3 LBS. A MONTH

Hoover to Ask Food Pledge Signers to Keep Within This Limit.

MEANS 50 P. C. SAVING

son issued a proclamation to-day declar- England. France and Italy Using Still Less-Candy Prohibition Suggested.

> Special Despatch to THE SUN WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 .- Food Admin-

for the present at least Austrians and Hungarians are given, pending misbehavior, a liberty of movement seldom if ever granted by a nation to citizens of an enemy country.

The President's pronouncement is perhaps most impressively liberal in that section in which he enjoins upon American citizens the futly of treating subjects of the enemy who remain loyal to the United States with all such friendingess as may be compatible with loyalty and allegiance to the United States.

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The Voltage in Clash

With Bolshevik Forces

At Mohilev.

With Bolshevik Forces

Owing to the staunchness of the British opposition, the attack only enabled the Germans to get a foothold in about 500 years. If the public responds to the new appeal the use of sugar in the United States with all such friendings as may be compatible with loyalty and allegiance to the United States. appeal the use of sugar in the United States will be cut from 9.360,000,000 pounds to 3.844,000,000.

The President's motive in drawing distinctions between Germans and Austro-Hungarians was described as twofold. The great reduction if effected will place the sugar resources of the country in a much better position to meet the large loss in beet sugar production now generally believed to be inevitable and will also permit America to give relief to the Allies. In making the request that Americans cut their use of sugar to thirty-six pounds a year the Pood Administration points out that the of violence practised under the German sugar to thirty-six pounds a year the Food Administration points out that the consumption of England has been cut ewives in August, Administrator Hoover in making the request for a big reduction in sugar consumption says: "The Food Administration will make

every endeavor to see that the country is provided with a supply of household sugar on a basis of three pounds of sugar for each person per month. Do not consume more."

Rumors persist that the part played by the candy stores of America in encouraging the consumption of sugar is receiving the serious consideration of receiving the serious consideration of the Food Administration, which has been urged by some radicals to issue a pro-hibition against the candy and confec-

## RETAIL PRICES FIXED ON 5 STAPLES HERE

tionery trade, now doing business with but a little better than an allotment of

Public New Rates. The Federal Food Board made public tive of what these goods show chased for on a cash and carry basis in a number of retail stores in medium ren-tal and lower rental neighborhoods."

The prices follow. Where only one is given the price is the same for all stores. Where two are given the lower is for the poorer neighborhoods: stores. Where two are given the lower is for the poorer neighborhoods; Beans, dried, per pound, white, 17e.; kidney, 19-18; lima, 18.
Rice, white polished, per pound, —; whole head, 11-10c.; same in package, 9 : broken, 12.

Cheese, American, whole milk, pound, Potatoes, white, No. 1, \$%-81-8

Bread, white, pound loaf, unwrapped.

-8c.; wrapped, 8-9c.

The prices were prepared by George
... Bennett of the market price bureau of the board. "Fair prices" will be pubtles from time to time.

#### BIG STRIKE MAY SPREAD TO COAST Trouble Feared if Twin City Railway Men Quit.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 12 .- The labor situation in Minneapolis and St. Paul reached an acute stage again to-night. with the probability that a large proportion of union men in both cities and some throughout the Northwest would quit work to-morrow as a protest against the order of the Public Safety Commission of Minnesota directing the abolition by street car men of buttons indicating their membership in the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees. Labor leaders estimated that \$0 per cent. of the unionists in the Twin Cities would walk out, and that railroad shop men from St. Paul to the Pacific coast might cities. abolition by street car men of button

Union officials declared they recog-nized the hardships such a sympathetic strike would involve, but that they cannot help acting in a matter that involves what they consider a big principle. They were hopeful of Federal intervention until to-night, when word from Washington indicated little chance of Federal

Chief among the various industries that would be partly tied up by a strike are the three great railroads running from the Twin Cities to the coast—the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Chicago. Milwaukee and St. Paul.

Estimates put the total number of union employees in the Twin Cities as something under 30,000. Vote on the call took place by individual unithe returns were expected to be com-Meanwhile there was no change in the street car service, which company officials declared to-day was 99 per cent. normal in Minneapolis and 90 per

PINEHURST, N. C. NOW OPEN. Splendid Place for the Holidays. Adv.

in St. Paul.

#### Chancellor Is Eager For Illegal Food Gift

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12 .- Aca number of friends and admirers of Count George F. von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, have been sending him foodstuffs since he left Bavaria for Berlin. As this is against the regulations the packages were seized and the send-

ers arrested. Count von Hertling has tele-graphed the Bavarian authorities requesting the release of these persons and asks that the packages be forwarded to him, adding: "They will be gratefully accepted."

# BATTLE FOUGHT

Some Armies May Still Resume War Unless Germany Gives "Honorable Peace."

LONDON, Dec. 129-Russian advices today indicate that the battle fought at Mohiley, Russian 'General Headquarters between troops newly arrived there and the Bolshevik forces, was a struggle of considerable proportions and that there were sanguinary losses. Reports of the fighting are said to have reached Petrograd Monday. The attackers consisted of shock battalions and Cossacks.

Another severe struggle between the revolutionaries and the forces of the radical Government took place at Tamanovka, according to a Reuter despatch Here sailors, Red Guards, local infantry troops and armored cars from the capi-tal opposed the anti-Bolshevik forces. A

Of the main advance of the Cossack forces from the Don region, little news is permitted to come through. Advices here direct from the Cossack leaders. however, indicate that the number of the anti-Bolshevik forces is sufficient to wrest control of at least a part of Rus-sia from the radicals and at the same time to resume fighting on part of the

Naroda, publishes what it alleges to be the instructions of the German General Naroda, publishes what it alleges to be progress, and it is quite possible that we the instructions of the German General Staff to the German representatives entrusted with conducting the truce negotiations on the Russian front. The instructions, as thus given, lay weight on the fact that the men who engage in the parley must be of a serious temperation. the parley must be of a serious tempera-ment, capable of controlling their facial muscles in the most ridiculous

If the Russian negotiators should deissue an order for his own arrest and that the German people should organize a social revolution the Germans repre-sensatives, according to the instructions,

must say gravely:
"This matter will certainly receive The instructions, according to the newspaper's version, continue:
"It may happen that at the first meeting the Russian delegates will attempt to kiss the negotiators. They must be prepared for that and if the commander in chief, Ensign Krylenko, rushes toward them with open arms they must in turn press him to their hearts and may repeatedly, "Tavarish" (comrade). The fatherland demands this sacrifice of

the negotiators

"They should also have at their tongue's end the following favorite Russian phrases: "Universal democratic peace'; 'Peace without annexations and contributions.'"

The negotiators were told that they The negotiators were told that they need not trouble to note the Russian positions and compute the number of guns, as "this will be at nded to by staff officers especially designated."

If Leon Trotaky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, was present the negotiators were "to conduct themselves as if they stood in the presence of Bismarck, Talleyrand or some other wise chap."

Demobilisation Begun.

The semi-official German News Agency ays demobilization of the Russian forces tiations, restricted to the Russian front,

have been authorized. The news agency's despatch says that General Oherbatchoff has been appoint-ed commander in chief, "with the assistance of the allies" (Teutonic?), and that he has been authorized to open peace negotiations with Germany.

According to Petrograd representa-tives of all the Russian fronts started

last night for Brest-Litovsk to resume the armistice negotiations with the Ger-mans. Lieut-Col. Fokkeh, the General Staff member of the armistice co. tee, informed the Associated Press that the delegation would consist of thirteen members, including Gen. Skalok, one representative each from the northern, western, southwestern, Rumanian-Rus-sian and Rumanian armies, M. Altifater, the noval representative and fire political the naval representative, and five politi- tacker sirdrome. At the former a fire

cause the Russian delegates said these armies were not under their control.

The Russian delegate at Brest-

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Bavarian Troops' Attack Lasts From Dawn Until About 1 P. M.

CHARGE IN MASSES

English Lay Down Heavy Barrage and Slay Enemy in It.

LITTLE SALIENT SOUGHT

Intense Bombardment Enables Foe to Get Footing There.

London, Dec. 12.-A fierce mass attack was made by the Germans to-day against the elbow in the bend of the British line between Bullecourt and Queant (about ten miles west of Cambrai), says the Reuter correspondent at

limits of a very small local success at the front. The correspondent adds that it is difficult to get details, but the fighting lasted from dawn until I o'clock in the afternoon, and the continuance of firing after that suggested a British counter attack.

#### Description of Battle.

In his description of the battle, the orrespondent says:
"What apparently was intended as a

bend of our line between Bullecourt and Queant.

"The Germans opened an intense bombardment as the first streaks of a frosty dawn were paling the eastern sky. Our artillery promptly replied with a barrage put down between the opposing trenches, in order to catch any infantry advance.

"Assaulting waves of Bavarian troops came over in close formation. It was

came over in close formation. It was the manifest intention to throw great pressure upon the front of the attack and overpower the defenders, if pos-able, by sheer wight of numbers sible, by sheer weight of number "Flerce fighting ensued, but it is too early to get details, since communica-tions are always difficult during engage-ments. So far as I can gather, the Germents. So far as I can gather, the Ger-mans managed to get some sort of a footing in about 500 yards of our front line trenches before their attack was ar-

Counter Attack Indicated. The artillery duel continued until about 1:30 o'clock, when it died down, but the constant rattie of machine guns suggested that some fighting was still in Naroda, publishes what it alleges to be

difficult to regard it as representing any complete scheme of operations. "The weather remains fine and dry, so that open warfare is still possible time of the year when normally both sides would be settled into winter quarters." The following British official statement on the day's developments was

issued to-night: This morning the enemy delivered strong local attack on the front a strong local attack on the about a mile east of Bullecourt. On the right of the position attacked the enemy succeeded in entering a the conemy succeeded in entering a short length of front trench, which formed a salient in our line and had been demolished by the bombardment

preceding the attack.

At all other points the attack was repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. many of whose dead are lying The enemy's artillery has been active during the day in the area of his attack and has shown some ac-

tivity south of Lens and in the neigh-

AIR SCOUTS IN ACTION. Battles Follow Efforts to Get In-

formation. LONDON, Dec. 12 .- Tremendous artillery preparation and great serial activity by both sides preceded the flerce German attack to-day upon the British in the Cambral sector. Both British and German communiques to-day referred to the violence of the gun fire.

Last night the British repulsed a thrust against positions north of La Vacquerie, Cambrai front. A successful raid was made on enemy lines near Pon-truet, north of St. Quentin. British air-Due to the anxiety of both sides to get in action. Five German airplanes were brought down and three British craft

large railway junction northeast of Pir-masens, in the Bavarian palatinate and tacked the Bruges docks and the Oes-

tacker airdrome. At the former a model and elegates.

Lieut.-Col. Fokkeh believes that the Germans will make considerable concessions and will even consent to leave Moon Sound. The Germans have eliminated the demand that Russian it is claimed, were 2 balloons and 60 airgraph of the constant of the con Paris reported to-night that there was

armies were not under their control.

The Russian delegate at BrestLitovak telegraphed to Petrograd to-day
that the German commander there had enemy surprise attack near Courcy failed. The Germans appear to be feel-

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Col. William B. Thompson, had of the American Red Cross Mission to Russia, has arrived here on his way to the United States to